

REMARKS

Claims 7-26 are currently pending. Claims 7, 8, 13, 15, and 24-26 are currently amended. Claims 1-6, and 27-34 are cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate all limitations of independent claim 1, which Examiner indicated would bring claim 7 into condition for allowance in the Advisory Action mailed March 19, 2003.

Claims 8, 13, 15, and 24-26 have been amended to depend from amended claim 7.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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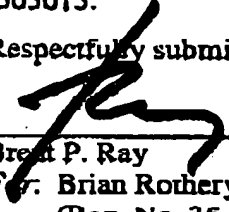
Applicants filed an Appeal of Examiner's final rejection dated October 23, 2002 in the instant application. Claims 1-6, 8-15, and 24-34 were the subject of the Appeal. As claims 8-15, and 24-26 all depend from claim 7 (which has been amended consistent with Examiner's indications of allowable subject matter), the appeal of claims 8-15, and 24-26 is moot. Additionally, claims 1-6, and 27-34 have been cancelled without prejudice, likewise rendering the appeal of claims 1-6, and 27-34 moot. It is therefore respectfully submitted that no rejected claims stand pending Appeal, and therefore Applicants respectfully withdraw their Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34(a) following the entering of the amendments to the claims herein.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that claims 7-26 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner does not agree with Applicant's positions, he is urged to contact the undersigned immediately. No fee is believed due for this response. Should any fee(s) be due, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day Account No. 503013.

Respectfully submitted,

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